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SUBJECT: LETTER TO SECRETARY BAKER FROM FOREIGN  
MINISTER SKRABALO

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[1](#). PROVIDED HEREIN IS TEXT OF A LETTER FAXED TO  
THE CONSULATE FROM CROATIAN FOREIGN MINISTER  
ZDENKO SKRABALO, REGARDING THE SITUATION IN BOSNIA  
-HERCEGOVINA (ENGLISH VERSION AS PROVIDEDDB  
CROATIANS).

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ZAGREB, JULY 11, 1992

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
H.E.  
JAMES BAKER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

SIPDIS

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

ONLY A DAY AFTER THE END OF THE HELSINKI SUMMIT  
FROM WHICH (JUST LIKE THE BOSNIAN-HERCEGOVIAN  
DELEGATION WHOM WE SAW OFF FROM ZAGREB THIS  
MORNING) WE RETURNED FULL OF HOPES THAT THE  
SITUATION IN CROATIA AND BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA WOULD  
IMPROVE, I AM COMPELLED TO SEND OUT THIS DRAMATIC  
APPEAL.

IN SPITE OF ALL EFFORTS MADE BY THE INTERNATIONAL  
COMMUNITY, THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION, THE  
HELSINKI DECISIONS, UNPROFOR MISSION, THE  
SITUATION IN BOSIA-HERCEGOVINA HAS TAKEN A  
DRAMATIC TURN FOR WORSE.

THE SERBIAN AGGRESSORS HAVE INTENSIFIED THEIR  
ATTACKS AT ALL POSITIONS OF ALREADY EXISTING  
CONFRONTATION (SARAJEVO, BOSNIAN POSAVINA, MOSTAR,  
DUBROVNIK, SLAVONSKI BROD, ZUPANJA...) AND OPENED  
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NEW FRONT-LINES (GORAZDE, TRAVNIK, BUGOJNO,  
JAJCE...).

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BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT THAT THE ATTENTION  
OF THE WORLD IS CONCENTRATED ON SARAJEVO AND THE  
ATTEMPTS TO OPEN THE HUMANITARIAN CORRIDOR AND  
TRYING TO FORESTALL DECISIVE ACTION BY  
INTERNATIONAL FORCES, WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN  
SOONER OR LATER ANYWAY, THE SERBIAN-MONTENEGRIN  
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AGGRESSORS ARE INTENT ON ACHIEVING TWO BASIC  
OBJECTIVES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THROUGH A  
LARGE-SCALE MILITARY OPERATION:

1) ROUNDING UP THE BORDERS OF THE SO-CALLED  
GREATER SERBIAN THROUGH DESTRUCTION OF ALL MOSLEM  
AND CROATIAN ENTITIES IN CONTACT ZONES;

2) ACCOMPLISHING COMPLETE ETHNIC CLEANSING OF  
TERRITORIES WITHIN THE SO-CALLED SERBIAN KRAINAS.

IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE SECOND OBJECTIVE, THEY ARE  
COMMITTING CRIMES UNHEARD-OF SINCE THE HOLOCAUST  
AND THE END OF THE WORLD WAR II. ON A MASSIVE  
SCALE MOSLEMS AND CROATS ARE BEING EXECUTED AND  
HERDED INTO PRISON CAMPS, ENTIRE PLACES RAZED TO  
THE GROUND, EVEN GRAVEYARD DESTROYED (E.G. THE  
AREA OF PRIJEDOR-KOZARAC). THE PURPOSE OF ALL  
THIS IS OBVIOUS: TO DRIVE OUT THE NON-SERBIAN  
POPULATION FROM THESE AREAS FOR GOOD.

THE SITUATION IS PARTICULARLY DRAMATIC IN THE  
AREAS OF NORTHERN BOSIA (POSAVINA) WHERE THE  
SERBIAN ATROCITIES HAVE FORCED THE MAJORITY MOSLEM  
POPULATION THERE INTO A PANIC FLIGHT TO CROATIA.

ONLY TODAY MORE THAN 20,000 PEOPLE HAVE FLED  
ACROSS THE RIVER SAVA TO CROATIA TO SEEK SHELTER  
IN THE AREA BETWEEN SLAVONSKI BROD AND ZUPANJA.  
AS THE SAVA BRIDGES ARE DEMOLISHED, PEOPLE ARE  
USING ALL KINDS OF MEANS TO RUN TO SAFETY AND MANY  
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OF THEM (INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN) ARE  
SWIMMING ACROSS THE RIVER SAVA, PANIC STRICKEN AS  
THEY ARE.

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THE AFORESAID IS AN ELEVENTH-HOUR WARNING THAT  
UNLESS AN INTERNATIONAL MILITARY INTERVENTION IS  
UNDERTAKEN SHORTLY, THE CONSEQUENCES IN TERMS OF  
THE EXTENT OF HUMAN TRAGEDY, MOSTLY AFFECTING  
CHILDREN, WOMEN AND OLD PEOPLE, WILL BE  
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IMMEASURABLE.

CROATIA IS DOING ITS UTMOST TO GIVE EVERY POSSIBLE  
HELP TO THIS VAST NUMBER OF EXPELLED PEOPLE, BUT  
UTTERLY EXHAUSTED AS IT IS AS A RESULT OF THE WAR  
AND THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES IN NEED  
OF ACCOMMODATION, CLOTHES AND FOOD, IT HAS FOUND  
ITSELF IN A POSITION WHERE IT WILL BE FORCED TO  
REDIRECT THE FLOW OF REFUGEES TOWARDS WESTERN  
EUROPE.

THEREFORE, I APPEAL TO YOU TO DO ALL YOU CAN TO  
PREVENT THE TRAGEDY WHICH IS LOOMING LARGER AND  
LARGER EVERY MINUTE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ONLY  
THING LEFT IS TO CALL AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL AND TO APPROVE AN INTERNATIONAL  
MILITARY ACTION.

PROF. ZDENKO SKRABALO, M.D. PH.D.  
MINISTER  
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